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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: James W. Forbes

Application No.: 09/804,406

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For: VEHICLE CARRYING RAIL ROAD CAR

Group No.: 3617

Examiner: Jules, F.

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Director's Office**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

1. Applicant petitions for the withdrawal of the abandonment of the above-identified application, on which a Notice of Abandonment was issued on 10 February. The reason why the abandonment of the application should be withdrawn, as detailed below, is that a Request for Continued Examination was timely filed on 24 December 2002, before the due date of the issue fee.

## 2. Nature of abandonment:

The holding of abandonment is due to failure to pay the issue fee, which is admitted. However, instead of paying the issue fee by the due date of 26 December 2002, applicant filed a Request for Continued Examination on 24 December 2002, as demonstrated by the following documents, which are attached:

1. A copy of the Request for Continued Examination, with a certificate of mailing dated 24 December 2002, each signed by Stephen L. Grant, the undersigned registered practitioner, who attests that the RCE was mailed by first class mail on 24 December 2002;

2. A copy of the return card submitted with the RCE, showing receipt in the Patent Office OIPE on 30 December 2002.

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Based on these above documents, the abandonment of the case was improper and the applicant petitions that it be withdrawn.

3. Response filed:

The payment of the base issue fee is mooted by the filing of the RCE application.

4. Terminal disclaimer 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c)

As this petition concerns an application which is neither a design application nor an application filed before June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

5. Status of applicant:

This application is on behalf of other than a small business entity.

6. Fee payment:

From a discussion with Fredrick Briscoe on 19 February 2003, no fee is believed to be due with this petition, but if this is incorrect, please charge Deposit Account 15-0450.

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**REQUEST  
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/804,046
<i>Filing Date</i>	March 12, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	James W. Forbes
<i>Art Unit</i>	3617
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Jules, Frantz F.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	115699-32

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted

  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

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01 F3.10 Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
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  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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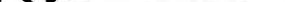
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